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10. Geographical Data

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	Zone	Easting	Northing				

Verbal Boundary Description

Ashton Heights Historic District is located in central Arlington County, Virginia. It is located south of the Clarendon Commercial District, and west of the Lyon Park Historic District. The neighborhood is bounded by Arlington Boulevard to the south, North Irving Street to the east, roughly bounded by North Oxford and North Piedmont Streets to the west, and Wilson Boulevard to the north. The Ashton Heights Historic District occupies approximately 220 acres.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the Ashton Heights Historic District encompass early additions to Clarendon prior to Ashton Jones's platting of the neighborhood. The first section of Ashton Heights, platted in 1921, was bounded by North Irving Street, 5th Street North, 2nd Road North and Columbia Gardens Cemetery to the south, and North Nelson and North Monroe Streets to the west. The second section of Ashton Jones development occurred to the immediate west of the first section, bounded to the west by North Oxford Street. Adjacent blocks were improved as additions to Ashton Heights between 1922 and the 1950s. Each of these additions shows a similar development pattern to the original area by Ashton Jones, so, these properties were included in the historic district.

Arlington Boulevard serves as the southernmost boundary for the Historic District. Significant changes occurred in 1930 when Arlington Boulevard was opened along the border of Ashton Heights, creating a major automobile route to Washington, D.C. The additions that were made to Ashton Heights after the opening of Arlington Boulevard

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include Van Every's made in 1939 to the east of Columbia Gardens Cemetery and R.R. Dye's to the west of the cemetery.

The northernmost boundary is south of Wilson Boulevard, excluding all those commercial properties fronting this major transportation corridor. Established as a thoroughfare before the American Revolution, Wilson Boulevard is a longstanding boundary between Ashton Heights and the commercial centers to the north. The commercial buildings that serve the neighborhood are largely confined to this northern boundary, historically having provided the residents with access to goods and services. Yet, these commercial buildings have been excluded from the historic district because their development more fully reflects the evolution of Wilson Boulevard and commercial enterprises rather than residential development.

North Irving Street creates the eastern boundary, with Lyon Park to the east. Ashton Jones originally owned several lots on the east side of North Irving Street, when Lyon Park was being developed. In 1924, Ashton Jones donated one lot, 413 North Irving Street, to the Ashton Heights Women's Club. This building continues to serve as the women's club for the community, and is included within the eastern boundary for the historic district. Only two historic resources were demolished along North Irving Street to allow for the construction of late-20th-century resources. As these modern buildings are not consistent with the neighboring historic resources in form, ornament, or scale, they have been excluded from the district.

A portion of the westernmost boundary includes historic residences facing North Oakland Street, and six historic houses located along 2nd Street North west of North Oakland Street. Further north, the boundary keeps to the east of Buckingham Place including those dwellings facing west towards North Oxford Street. North of 5th Street, the boundary proceeds irregularly including historic dwellings along North Piedmont Street, and several multiple dwellings east of North Piedmont Street. Above 7th Street North, the western boundary juts back to include only those buildings facing N. Oakland Street. Since all modern buildings are not consistent with the neighboring historic resources in form, ornament, or scale, they have been excluded from the district. Buckingham Apartments, a garden apartment complex, is included in the Ashton Heights neighborhood, however the

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complex is not within the historic district boundary. Buckingham Apartments was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Buckingham Historic District in 1999.